

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mindrum et al. (2005/0135793) in view of Krim (2002/0072925). In response, Applicant has amended Claim 1 to include the restriction that the chat function is a live time chat function, unlike an email, which is not an immediate method of communication between people across large distances. It is Applicant's belief that a videoconference of a funeral that allows people to communicate across large distances cannot be conducted via only email, as for the purposes of the present invention one must have real time/live communication. Since Claims 2-9 depend on Claim 1, Applicant believes they are in condition for allowance. Claims 10-23 have been added as new Claims to further clarify the purpose of the live time chat function.

The Applicant's attorney kindly thanks the Examiner for the Interview and Interview Summary Record in which the "live chat" function was discussed. Applicant has inserted into the new claims the concept that the live-chat function works so that parties can all be at different locations, where no one part is at a "funeral." Krim presupposes that there is a funeral, whereas the present invention does not require a funeral physically taking place whatsoever – everything is virtual. Krim has communication so that interested parties can participate in a funeral that is being held somewhere – the present invention does not require a funeral physically anywhere. Support for these arguments are found in the second paragraph of the Summary of the Invention, wherein it reads:

"There is also a section for the family to set up a
virtual gravesite for their loved one. They can choose a

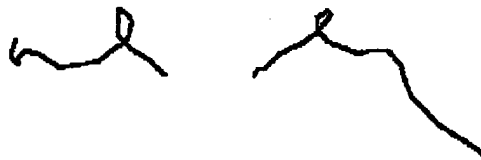
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conventional headstone, or create a headstone in a theme particular to their loved ones. Additionally there is a function to allow the family to post an event interactive web page. The event interactive web page can include live web casting of the ceremony at the funeral home or church as well as the service from the gravesite. Also there is a live time chat function, called a condolence chat which can put family members in touch over large distances and can also put grieverers in touch with pastors, rabbis, or other grief counselors in separate embodiments of the present invention."

No new matter has been added. The virtual gravesite is not a physical place, and the live chat takes the place of anyone being at any physical place, unlike the cited art.

A request for any and all extensions of time is hereby made. Authorization to charge all fees due and owing to deposit account number 500356 in the name of A Plus Legal Services Greenberg & Lieberman is hereby authorized.

Respectfully,



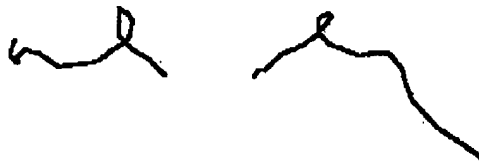
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I hereby certify that this amendment and response was faxed to the Commissioner of Patents at the United States Patent and Trademark Office on June 29, 2006, via fax number 571-273-8300.

Respectfully submitted,

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